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'REPRESENTATION WITH TAXATION'

William Cowan (l), president of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, and Guy Halferty look over the study which Halferty made regarding the possible incorporation of Lomita and parts of Rolling Hills.—Press Photo.

Lomita - Rolling Hills May Form One City

METHOD AND COST DISCUSSED

By RALPH R. GOMPERTZ

A curious alliance prompted by necessity may make bedfellows of Lomita and parts of Rolling Hills, representatives of which listened to a lengthy report last week explaining how the two areas could incorporate as one city.

The attitude of the more than 100 representatives was more one of cautious interest and questioning rather than one of immediate join-or-die dedication to the cause.

The meeting took place last Thursday night, when members of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce and key representatives were given the complete story for the first time.

Addressing them was Guy Halferty, former manager for the Lakewood incorporation, and now public relations consultant with Guy Halferty and associates.

Hypothetical

"I am not presenting an incorporation survey but a preliminary look at what might be a hypothetical incorporation," Halferty explained. "A survey can only be made after the boundaries have been submitted."

Halferty said that he was talking of two areas: one, the area traditionally considered Lomita (about two squares miles), bounded by 266th street and the Los Angeles and Torrance boundaries; and two, the area from

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The Power Of the Press

Three little lines containing 15 little words brought \$120 big dollar bills.

How? By running the following ad:

LIKE NEW—8-piece solid blonde ash dining room set. Must sell. \$120. DA. 6-7939

Mrs. M. Rogers of 2842 Alberta avenue, Torrance, was extremely pleased with her results.

"I sold my dining room set the first day and had quite a few calls," she said. "This was the first time I ever used the Torrance Press classified section, and I'm old on it!"

Give it a try yourself—you'll wake up Thursday morning and find yourself happy with the results! Call FA. 8-2345 now.



WHEN A BODY MEETS A BODY

By all rules of the game William R. Leach, 22, of Los Angeles, couldn't expect to get away with it—but he did. Leach, driver of the hard-top Cadillac, walked around very much alive right after the accident, suffering only a slight scratch and a sprained ankle. Driver of the truck, which carried 18 tons of sand, was Jerry Tindall, 26, of 20103 Grevelles. Officers Buck Ingram (pictured) and Don Nash said the accident was apparently caused when the car turned left in front of the truck. The car was carried 98 feet after collision at Sepulveda and Hawthorne Saturday.—Photo Arts Photo.

School Board's Approval Of Override Tax Expected

School officials who have been feeling out the land cautiously regarding a 75 cents override tax, heaved sighs of relief this week as Torrance's important Industries Tax Committee endorsed the idea unanimously.

The matter was scheduled for consideration by the Board of Education shortly after this newspaper went to

press. All indications were that the board would approve the override tax unanimously.

The next step would be approval by the voters. It is probable that the election date will be set for October 9, at which time voters will be asked to decide both the override tax as well as the district's going on state aid for the construction of badly needed elementary schools.

A number of reasons have been prepared to show why both programs are essential to the local school district.

While the total assessed valuation will probably continue to increase, the pupil population and teaching costs will too, officials indicated.

Evidence that costs per individual pupil would rise within five years was indicated by es-

timates which showed a cost increase from \$282.23 at present to \$311.12 in 1960-61.

The taxable wealth per pupil, on the other hand, has dropped sharply since 1947 when the school district was formed. At that time the assessed valuation per pupil was \$16,838. By 1955-56 that figure dropped to \$6,437. This downward trend is expected to continue for the next few years, although more gradually.

A major factor in the cost of education is teachers' salaries which will increase automati-

cally as the district grows older. Teachers will move toward the maximum on the salary schedule, which will mean an increase in costs.

Since local and federal income are decreasing and state income is leveling off while costs continue to rise, school officials have found it necessary to recommend a 75 cents override tax and the state aid program in order to obtain additional funds.

(The override tax is seldom levied in full, school officials stated.)

THREE LOCAL RESIDENTS DIE IN GRAND CANYON CRASH

A United flight engineer, a father and his daughter—all from Torrance—died in the Grand Canyon air crash which claimed the lives of 128.

The crash of the two giant airliners is the worst disaster in the history of commercial aviation.

Dead are G. X. Fiore, 39, of 24233 Ward St., Torrance, United flight engineer; Chester A. Crewse, 45, and his daughter, Helen Colleen, 15, of 18421 S. Mansel, Torrance (El Nido).

Inability to get reservations prevented a greater tragedy in the Crewse family.

Mrs. Crewse and another daughter, Louise, were planning to go along on the same flight but were unable to get reservations.

Helen Colleen, a member of the family said, changed her mind at the last minute and decided to go with her father be-

cause she did not want him to be alone.

Special Pass

The Crewse were headed for Des Moines, Iowa, to celebrate the 76th birthday of E. W. Crewse, the father of the local man. The Crewse family was able to avail itself of a special TWA vacation pass because Mrs. Crewse works for the airline.

Helen Colleen attended North high school. She would have been a junior in September.

Surviving are the wife and mother, Helen Crewse, two sons, Chester E. Crewse of 18524 Burin St., El Nido; Thomas, 21, of 18421 Mansel; and two daughters, Chester Crewse

Three Suicide Notes Found

A woman's scream pierced the night shortly after midnight Friday when she stood transfixed in the doorway of her boyfriend's apartment upon seeing him lying on the bed, with a bullet hole in his temple.

Dead is George Willis Tetzlaff, 34, of 21605 Berendo. He was dressed in a U.S. Marine fatigues, cradling a .22 calibre automatic rifle in his arms, a cigarette between his fingers when he was discovered by his girl friend, Margaret Wideen of North Hollywood, according to the homicide division of L. A. County sheriff's.

Tetzlaff left three suicide notes.

In the first one, addressed to "Maggie," he said: "Maggie, I loved you very much but I couldn't see it your way. You're a wonderful person."

"I loved you more than anything in the world," he said in the second one. "I'm sorry that I was so self-centered and egotistical."

The third note was in the form of a will.

Tetzlaff, who has a son, Ralph in Ohio, was divorced. In addition to his son he leaves his mother, Mrs. Anita Tetzlaff of Long Beach and a sister, Mrs. Mary Robb of Long Beach.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Halverson-Leavell mortuary in Torrance.

A neighbor, John Krupens, heard Margaret Wideen's scream and rushed out to see her standing in the doorway to Tetzlaff's apartment, according to police.

Another neighbor, Shirley Tanssen, said she had heard a loud bang but thought it was a fire cracker.

Photo Contest Starts

Attention all shutterbugs! The Torrance Press photo contest is on!

It will last for six weeks. There will be two divisions and a finalist will be chosen from each division every week. At the end of the contest, three winners will be chosen in each division from among the finalists.

Photos will be reproduced in the Torrance Press from week to week.

The first week's finalists will be announced this coming Thursday, July 12. Contestants must submit their photos to the Torrance Press no later than Monday noon, July 9, for the first week's judging. The Torrance Press is located at 1406 Cravens ave.

Photos submitted after the Monday noon deadline will be considered among the following week's entries.

This year there will be two divisions instead of one in order to permit amateurs as well as semi-professionals to compete on their own level rather than with each other.

Rules

A total of \$140 prizes will be given away, with first, second and third place winners to receive prizes in each division.

All individuals who submit photographs which are smaller than 8x10 will be classified as amateurs. All individuals who submit 8x10 photos or mounted photos will be considered in the semi-professional category (glossy 8x10's are preferable to mounted photos).

Again sponsoring the contest this year will be the Torrance Press; A-1 Photo Service, 1318 Sartori; and Photo Arts Studio, 1311 Post.

Prizes

Prizes in the amateur division will be as follows: First, \$25 cash; second, \$15 (in merchandise—photo supplies); third, \$10 (in merchandise—photo supplies).

Prizes in the semi-professional division will be as follows:

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1075 OUT IN STEEL STRIKE

A total of 1075 steelworkers have walked out locally as a result of the nation-wide steel strike which started at midnight Saturday.

A total of 825 members are out at Columbia-Geneva Steel and 250 are out at Bethlehem Pacific Steel.

The plants have shut down for all practical purposes.

NEWS BRIEFS

DOGS: Keep dogs indoors during the Fourth of July period. Frank Fallon of the South Bay Humane society, advised. They're frightened of fireworks and will run for miles when scared.

GOATS: Donald Taylor of 2804 West 175th street had an unexpected traveling companion Sunday as he took off in his sports car—a billy goat. The coal-black goat wore a Hawthorne dog license. It's at the humane society now. Taylor wonders who was trying to get his goat.

DIED: James E. Price, 82, of 1218 El Prado, died here Sunday. Retired, he worked formerly for National Supply. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Nellie Lydick of Youngstown, Ohio, who has come out here for the funeral arrangements being handled by Halverson-Leavell mortuary.

RECORDING STAR: Teri Akers, 18, who was graduated from Torrance high school last month, had her contract with Ultra Enterprises, inc., approved by Superior Judge Clyde C. Triplett. The firm markets Dig Records. She'll be getting 1 cent the first year, 1 1/2 cents the second, and 1 1/2 cents the third year, per recording side.



UP, UP, AND — AWAY?

Tickets to the rodeo to be held here August 11 and 12 at 2 p.m. are now on sale. The professional rodeo will be held in conjunction with the festivities celebrating the opening of the new civic center at Torrance blvd. and Madrona. Sponsors of the rodeo are the Torrance Mounted Police and Torrance Lions club. Tickets may be purchased from members, or from most downtown merchants. Pictured above is Buffalo Bill, Jr.

Introducing Three Special Features!

For exciting reading, a refreshing style, and a breezy, thought-provoking sense of humor, read the special feature by Myron Roberts, new special staff writer for the Torrance Press.

FIRST EPISTLE TO THE HOLLYWOODIANS deals with Samuel of the tribe of Judah and the making of religious epics. "Be Biblical but ardent!" orders Samuel. (Page 7).

Roberts is the former publisher of the Tide of Manhattan; he taught journalism at Torrance high school; and is now a columnist, writing for a number of Southern California newspapers.

SEE ALSO the first in a series of articles on the parks and playgrounds around Torrance and what they offer during the summer written by Wes Johnson of the Torrance Recreation Department. (Page 2)



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